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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6926**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 158**

**DATE PREPARED:** Mar 29, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:** Mar 29, 2001

**SUBJECT:** Golden Hoosier Passport for Veterans with Disabilities.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
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                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill enables a veteran of the U. S. armed forces with a disability, and a person eligible to receive a prisoner of war license plate to obtain a Golden Hoosier Passport at no charge. (Under current law, senior citizens and disabled persons eligible for Social Security benefits are eligible for a Golden Hoosier Passport.)

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The DNR may experience some increase in administrative expenses associated with issuing Golden Hoosier Passports to veterans with disabilities. However, the Department should be able to absorb any additional expenses given its current budget.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** (Revised) This bill provides that a resident who is eligible for a license plate for a veteran with a disability or a license plate for a prisoner of war is eligible to receive the Golden Hoosier Passport at no charge. The current fee for an annual pass is \$18.

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles issued 5,233 licenses to individuals who qualified for license plates for veterans with disabilities and 814 to veterans qualifying for license plates for prisoners of war. If all veterans who received the above license plates elected to receive the Golden Hoosier Passport, the Department of Natural Resources would not collect as much as \$108,846 (\$18 multiplied by 5,233 plus 814). However, this total assumes that all eligible persons would have elected to purchase the pass otherwise.

Revenue collected from the sale of Golden Hoosier Passports fund operations of the Department of Natural Resources.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Natural Resources.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Clerks of the Circuit Court.

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